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THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
UNION BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT THEIR ROOMS,

N. W. CORNER OF SEVENTH AND SANSOM STREETS,

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 1870, AT 4 P. M.

In the absence of the President, Mr. ARTHUR G. COFFIN was called to the chair.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted.

The report of the Board of Managers for the year now ended was read by THOMAS A. BUDD, Esq., and on motion, accepted and referred to the new Board of Managers for publication.

A detailed statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the year now ended was made, and on motion, referred to the new Board of Managers for publication.

On motion of Mr. LATIMER, the meeting then proceeded to an election of officers and managers for the ensuing year.

On motion, adjourned.

ARTHUR G. COFFIN,
Chairman.

JOHN H. ATWOOD,
Secretary.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
UNION BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

IN presenting their thirty-ninth annual report, the Executive Board are enabled by the meritorious services of the visitors, and by the fidelity of their agents, to exhibit evidences of the widely diffused blessing conferred by the institution on the poor, which should arouse the sympathies, and increase the confidence of the benevolent in it as an appropriate almoner of their charity. In the annexed interesting reports of labors faithfully performed and sufferings relieved, the contributors will see the systematic and admirable manner in which their money has not only been distributed, but accompanied by the counsel and assistance which has given to each dollar a potency far beyond its pecuniary value.

The division of the City into districts, each under the charge of benevolent ladies, who visit the homes of the afflicted, minister to their wants, seek for them employment, thus making them self-supporting, and find homes for their children, commends the Association to the humane as the wisest and most efficient means of bestowing charity. The managers cannot too strongly commend the report of the lady visitors to the attention of the contributors, for it is mainly by their self-sacrificing services to the poor, that this institution has become entitled to the confidence and liberal support of the benevolent. Leaving their own

comfortable firesides, regardless of the weather, inspired by the divine spirit of charity, these ministers of mercy seek the widow and the orphan, the aged and the infirm, often to save them from perishing for want of food, or protection from the cold.

The Secretaries of the districts assemble monthly at the Managers' room to receive the money allotted to each for distribution, often to have their noble spirits depressed at the pittance which your charity has allotted to them. During each winter the largest sum that has been collected, when divided among the numerous visitors is so small, that in addition to the services which alone ought to be accepted from them, they, rather than see the poor suffer, give their own money, and assuming the unpleasant duties of collectors, appeal to their neighbors for assistance. But even with these aids the supply of funds is deficient. The statement of these facts should increase the number of contributions, however small may be the sums given, and stimulate the rich to larger donations.

There is no occasion in a City like Philadelphia, for any of the deserving poor to suffer. The means for their relief are ample, without diminishing the luxuries or comfortable subsistence of the opulent. Generosity is not wanting. We are confident that we have a population as noble-hearted as it is affluent. Many are ignorant of the suffering near them, but out of their view; others disgusted by impostures, indiscriminately refuse all applications for assistance. Money, however, is widely distributed, but unfortunately too often in a manner that encourages vice, idleness and mendicity. Charity to be efficient should be systematic. The poor should be visited, their condition ascertained, and relief applied according to the peculiar circumstances of each case, otherwise the generous handful carelessly scattered may confer no blessing, but on the contrary, foster the social evils which corrupt and dishonor the city.

Many whose incomes exceed their expenditures, and

others who are willing by the exercise of a judicious economy to save something for the indigent, are without the ability or inclination to seek the dreary haunts or homes of penury. To them especially, and to all of our fellow-citizens, we present the Union Benevolent Association as an almoner of their charity, which will supply every deficiency, and meet every exigency.

With the growth of the city the objects of charity must increase, and each season larger claims upon the benevolent arise. Yet unfortunately the number of our contributors and the amount of contributions have not increased in proportion to the demands on the Association. Its admirable organization will enable it to expand its operations to much greater extent than its limited means will at present justify. The donations intrusted to its care will not diminish the comforts of the generous donors, whilst incalculable blessings will be bestowed by the judicious distribution of them. Numerous small sums, the want of which will not be appreciated by the givers, will in the aggregate perform an important part in the operations of the institution. From the rich, contributions in proportion to their wealth may justly be expected, since not only their humane feelings will incite them to liberality, but the Society relieves them from all labor in aiding their suffering fellow-beings, and enables them to enjoy the satisfaction always arising from the consciousness of doing unto others, what, under a change of fortune, they would wish others to do unto them.

Pauperism is a calamity, of various grades and of many different aspects, too strongly pressed upon the attention of all of us, to be overlooked or disregarded. Whatever may be its origin, or in whatever form it may be presented to the view, humanity calls for its relief, with prudent discrimination and a wise forecast to prevent its increase. In bestowing charity the undeserving too often receive what is intended for the meritorious. Professional beggars occupy the foreground, and impose upon the benevolent

whilst the indigent, who are justly entitled to sympathy, are often neglected in their seclusion. The experience, vigilance and untiring labors of the visitors of this Association afford the best protection against imposture, and the most efficient means of applying your bounty for the relief of those who are the most in need of it, and in a manner in which it will do the greatest good. Nearly forty years have elapsed since the founders of this Association declared that they adopted the constitution "as the means by which actual distress will be the best mitigated and removed, pauperism and its concomitant ills prevented, and employment and instruction provided for the indigent and needy, compatibly with justice to all classes, and the best interests of the Commonwealth." If the institution has sedulously labored to accomplish these great objects, during so long a course of years, it is well worthy of the favor of the public, although it has been unable, with its limited means, to do all that its founders and their successors have desired.

The severity of winter is approaching. Fuel, stoves, food and clothing must be furnished to those who, unaided, will be without them. Whether it shall be done extensively and promptly, or not at all, or if done, parsimoniously, depends on the liberality of the contributors. The Managers, in urging the subject upon their attention, have no other object in view than the promotion of the great cause of Christian benevolence, which should induce every citizen to do or to give according to his ability.

The facts ought not to be overlooked, that in the performance of the various and arduous duties arising in a system of benevolence so extensive and so important, the Managers have the services of a male visitor, who performs duties extending throughout the City similar to those devolving on the numerous female visitors within their respective districts, and also of an agent in constant attendance at their office, thus affording to the poor great facilities in making known their condition, and giving to

the operations of the institution additional energy and promptness, as well as protection from fraud and imposition.

In concluding the labors of the year, the Managers submit the accompanying reports of the work that has been done, to the careful inspection of the contributors, and looking forward to the year about to commence, they invoke the blessing of God upon the Association in its future progress, confident that the experience of the past will justify its claims to a more generous support than it has heretofore received.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. PERKINS,

President.

JOHN. H. ATWOOD,

Secretary.

Philadelphia, October 18th, 1870.

REPORT

OF THE

Ladies' Branch of the Union Benevolent Association,

FOR THE YEAR 1869-70.

IN presenting to the Executive Board our Annual Report, it is with pleasure we are able to state the satisfactory condition of our different districts; all, we believe, are well supplied with earnest, active, and conscientious workers, which we think is so amply shown by the following reports that there remains little more for us to add, save the desire that, by the increased liberality of the public, their means of usefulness, under the Divine blessing, may be increased, and more of those whose lot is shaded by want and suffering, receive from them the needed aid to brighten and cheer, as well as strengthen and encourage.

We know that "the Lord will maintain the right of the poor," and that He will also bless those that consider the poor.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Market to Vine street, Delaware river to Sixth street.

The families under visiting care in this district number at this time, 68; visits paid, 304; coal given, 49½ tons; from private charity, \$38.30; from Union Benevolent Association, money, \$164.00; 6 stoves loaned; ½ cord wood given to invalid; \$2.75 given to purchase medicine; 2 children sent to Union School and Children's Home through the efforts of lady visitor; also, the attendance of Dr. Mosely in case of extreme

illness; the services of nurse secured; also, nourishment, garments, and material from Dorcas Society of First Baptist Church; also, from Dorcas Society of St. Paul's Church, a number of garments; 1 pair shoes from Mr. Cadmus; 1 quilt and number of garments from private charity; soup and bread tickets given; also, number of tracts; money received from Union Benevolent Association.

One of the visitors relates finding a German woman in a most wretched and suffering state. She was very ill, with an infant three days old. She had no food or nourishment of any kind, and no money to procure it. She was abandoned by her husband, and had one child about two years old beside the infant. The people who were living in the house were Catholics, and not very kind to this woman, as she was a Protestant. The visitor obtained a physician, medicines at the dispensary, and nourishing food suitable for her and the child. She visited them daily for some time, but she was beyond medical aid, as one day when the visitor came she was sitting up in bed sewing on coarse drawers for 12 cents a pair, in order not to be so entirely dependent; but from that time she grew worse, and died soon after having found Christ a very sufficient Saviour. The little boy was placed in the Union School and Children's Home, Twelfth and Fitzwater, and the infant was obtained by the father and placed in a Catholic institution, but it did not live long.

Another instance.—A visitor found a woman very poor, with garments worn and scanty, and the weather very cold. When she entered her miserable room there was no fire, and this woman had a little boy quite sick, doubtless from exposure and insufficient food. The case was immediately attended to, and comforts, such as food and coal procured, all through the Union Benevolent Association. As soon as the boy was well, he was taken by the visitor to the Union School and Children's Home where he is doing well, and will be trained up for usefulness. A situation was obtained for the woman where she has proved herself worthy and respectable. The visitor received a visit from

her only a few days since, at which time she thanked her with streaming eyes, for seeking her out and saving her from degradation and ruin.

Another case where the visitor found a family even worse, if possible, than the preceding.—The mother sick, with an infant a week old—a child about three also sick by her side, the father with three tumors, wholly unable to walk or be of the slightest use, and two other children, all in one room. It seemed such a dreadful case, that the visitor hardly knew *where* to begin. Two of the children were placed in homes where they had every comfort; nourishment, food and coal was procured for those who remained. A physician from the dispensary for the man, and medicines also. He began to improve, and by a great deal of attention and care they were all able to be about again. They were clothed by private charity, and money loaned them for a small fruit-stand, where they were, from last accounts, getting along comfortably. They have moved to a better neighborhood and out of the section.

SECOND, THIRD AND SIXTH DISTRICTS.

Market to South street, Delaware river to Sixth street, also from Spruce street to South street, and Sixth to Twelfth street.

Number of families reported, 1,000; number of visits reported, 2,088; number of sick reported, 393; number of deaths reported, 23; coal given from the Union Benevolent Association, $34\frac{1}{4}$ tons; coal given from Guardians of the Poor $\frac{1}{2}$ ton; coal given from Girard fund, 3 tons; coal bought from the Grandom coal, 3 tons; coal from private charity $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons; wood from Union Benevolent fund, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord; wood from Girard fund, 1 cord; money received from Union Benevolent funds, \$505; money received from private charity, \$177.95; stoves loaned, 15; stoves returned, 6; From Sanitary Commission, \$18.

Dispensary aid obtained for one person; two women sent to the Preston Retreat; nurse charity procured for two women; employment found for seven women; provident work given for 6 weeks to six persons, and most thankfully received; one comfortable loaned from Union Benevolent Association; from 1st Presbyterian Church Dorcas, 55 garments

and $2\frac{1}{2}$ yds. of muslin; St. Peter's Church Dorcas, 1 comfortable, and \$3.00; Home Missionary, $6\frac{1}{2}$ yds. of flannel; Green Hill Church, (Girard avenue,) 10 yds. of calico, $5\frac{1}{2}$ muslin and $5\frac{1}{2}$ canton flannel; St. John's, (Race street,) 2 yds. of drilling; 2 new wrappers given; 25 garments made by a kind lady for twins six months old, named Mary and Martha; from private charity, 1 comfortable, partly worn garments 255, 2 flannel shirts, 2 dresses, 1 sheet, 6 prs. hose, all new; muslin, flannel clothes given to a child two years old; preserves, canned fruit, lemons, chickens, broth, potatoes, meat, jelly and wine to the sick; received from the Union Benevolent Funds, \$

A visitor reports the removal from her section of a woman long under her care. She has entirely recovered, and wishes to return thanks to the Society for aid received.

Another visitor alluding to a larger expenditure than usual in her section, accounts for it as arising from the death of Peter Verheller, who was attacked and fatally injured by two men, without provocation on his part. Through the kindness of Mr. Fox, son of the Mayor, a collection was made for his widow, at the police office, amounting to \$70, with the stipulation that it should be applied to the support of the widow. Others had to assist in paying the funeral expenses. The widow is left, a feeble person, with two young children. The visitor says, "I should have been at a loss to know what to do but for the kindness of Mr. Fox, who has paid the rent, sent a barrel of flour and other needful supplies."

A case was reported of a poor widow who supported herself and her two children by working in a factory. The children were taken with scarlet fever, one of them became paralyzed. When the visitor found her, this child had been ill for two months. The poor mother was already in debt, and unable to work, and knew not where to look for help. Her wants were relieved, and the visitor in later reports speaks of the recovery of the child and the improved condition of the family through the kindness of the Society and other friends, so that the mother is again maintaining them comfortably.

The distributors of the Society's gifts have many and touching reminders of the reverses that form so large a part of our Heavenly Father's discipline of His children in this life.

A garment received from a Dorcas Society was given to one who had, in former days, been a lady of ample means, but was found in extreme destitution.

A special grant of funds was made to the same visitor, to relieve an aged mother with her daughter, who were about being turned into the street on the 23d of December, for non-payment of rent, which was owing to the long continued illness of the mother. The visitor secured a room for them, paid a month's rent in advance, had them moved and provided with nourishment and coal; obtained work for the daughter and a carpet, through the kindness of a friend. The latter has resumed her attendance at church, and has joined the Bible class at St. Peter's. They are now in a fair way to support themselves respectably.

A young girl of nineteen years was found dying of consumption. Her aunt, hearing she was not kindly cared for, brought her to her own home to nurse her tenderly. The aunt's husband had been porter in the same store for twenty-seven years. They had in six years buried eight grown up members of their family. In a later report the visitor tells of the young girl's triumphant death.

Severe cases of sickness, and many of them, were reported in February and March; much of it caused by poverty and privation. One visitor found a father, mother, and three children, who had not tasted food since the day before.

The following is reported of a woman who requires much help. She is afflicted with epilepsy. Some years ago she was in easy circumstances, but severe family affliction caused insanity. On her recovery she was sent to Europe by her husband, but when she returned to this country all trace of her husband and child was lost, nor has she been able to obtain the least clue to them. This

bereavement has brought on the disease from which she suffers.

Another sad case is given, where the illness of the mother prevents the daughter from earning the pittance they depended on for their daily bread—hardly earned by making shirts at ten cents a piece.

An Englishwoman of good education was found in sad need. When brought to the visitor's notice she had been reduced by illness to the necessity of selling almost everything she possessed. She was capable of teaching music and French. Assistance was given at once, and a situation procured for her, at the House of Employment, where she has given great satisfaction.

Another case is reported of an American Protestant woman, whose husband had turned her out of the room they lived in, after robbing her of all she possessed. The visitor found her in a room, where she had taken refuge with her four children, sitting beside a small furnace in the fire-place, and holding to her bosom a baby nine days old. Two of the children crouched beside her to get a little warmth, if possible, from that miserable semblance of a fire. The room was clean and neat; the very few articles in it (a bedstead, table and chair) were supplied by the charity of kind neighbors. On the poor straw bed the mother and her five children had to sleep, if sleep they could, without so much as a muslin spread to cover them through the cold winter nights. It was with great comfort the visitor supplied their most pressing wants.

Year after year the hearts of visitors are cheered by seeing the large blessing that is made, in the goodness of God, to rest on the help given by the representatives of this Society, with timely care and sympathy. A husband and wife who were found some years ago in extreme poverty and illness, have been raised, through the unwearied care of the visitor who had them in charge, to a position of comfort and respectability. They have half of a house, which rents for \$25 per month; the other half is occupied

by a family who through the aid of the Society were saved from the borders of starvation. Both families are now in a fair way to extend to others the relief they gratefully acknowledge having received themselves.

One of our visitors, a few years ago, calling on a poor family, was told of the very straitened condition of their landlord's widow, who had been left with two children. The boy of eight years sold newspapers, and by his manly appearance attracted the attention of a printer, who took him into his employ. The daughter was taken by the visitor, clothed and educated in one of our best schools gratuitously. She became a successful teacher and a contributor to the literature of the day. Another widow, by the timely aid of the same visitor, was enabled to keep her family together until places were secured for them. The eldest daughter married a gentleman who is now one of our most successful men of business.

A sewing-machine was bought for a woman on favorable terms by contributions from several ladies of the Society securing part payment, and the visitor becoming security for the remainder being paid in monthly instalments.

Many more instances could be related of the unwearied, disinterested devotion of our visitors in aiding the sufferers from poverty and sickness; cheering them when almost in despair, lifting them to a position of honorable self-support; and, best of all, in caring earnestly for their souls. Many have been brought to see their need of a Saviour, and gratefully to accept his invitation to pardon and peace, too long neglected.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Market to Vine, Sixth to Twelfth street.

All of our sections have been regularly visited, and the monthly meetings very punctually attended, with the excep-

tion of the three summer months, when only the most necessitous cases are kept under care.

Number of visits, 424; coal orders from the Union Benevolent Association, 134 [$33\frac{1}{2}$ tons]; 2 half tons of coal given from private charity, and 3 quarter tons and $\frac{1}{2}$ cord of wood from the Guardians of the Poor; 7 stoves loaned; 17 garments, 6 yards flannel, 1 comfortable, a pair of sheets, a partly worn carpet, 5 bundles of old clothing, and \$13 distributed from private charity; from the Dispensary, a doctor was obtained for two persons, also a doctor and nurse for one from the "Nurses' Home;" from Central Board from September, 1869, to October, 1870, received \$115.

The number of visits made and the small amount of relief given does not entirely represent the labor performed. One visitor states that the work from the Provident Society which she distributed, continued for eight weeks, for which \$111 were paid, most of it being in this District.

Another mentioned having been particularly interested in the widow of a respected physician from the country, whose death, after a prolonged illness, had left her entirely destitute. Assistance was given and a comfortable home found for her where her companionship and services are greatly valued.

The same visitor mentions also another case which elicited her sympathy. A middle-aged woman who had through her own industry realized a considerable sum of money, and lived very nicely and comfortably in her own house, through the indolence and ill-conduct of her daughter and son-in-law, was reduced to utter destitution, and finally they turned her into the street. An acquaintance, a poor needlewoman, touched by her suffering, both mental and bodily, took her in, gave up her own bed, and with earnest Christian charity devoted all her spare moments to aid her in her great need, both physically and spiritually. Through her instrumentality, after many weeks of conflict, she was led to her Saviour; resigning herself into his hands, found peace in believing, and was, we trust, safely gathered home.

FIFTH AND NINTH DISTRICTS.

Market to Spruce, Sixth to Twelfth, also Spruce to South street, Twelfth to Seventeenth street.

According to reports rendered monthly by the visitors of the Fifth and Ninth Districts, 909 visits have been made ; 60 sick under care ; 8 deaths have occurred ; 440 tracts distributed ; 2 Bibles and 1 Testament given ; 10 stoves loaned ; 9 soup tickets given ; 3 tons Grandom coal purchased ; Nurse Charity for one woman ; permanent employment for 3 women ; 2 bags of provident work given out ; 4 garments, Dorcas of 1st Pres. Church ; 4 garments, Dorcas of 3d Ref. Church ; \$2.50, special case from Mrs. Jones ; from Union Benevolent Association, received \$273.

Donations from Private sources.—\$53.24 for payment of rent, etc. ; 20 new garments ; 13 yds. calico ; 89 half worn garments ; 14 pairs of boots ; also, for invalids especially, tea, sugar, lemons, oranges, wine, farina, rice and potatoes, beef, jelly, etc.

While much labor and care have been bestowed apparently for nought, yet many hearts have been made glad by the visits, the gifts and encouraging words of the visitor ; one reports a more hopeful state of things in her section, another the reclaiming of a poor inebriate to a sober and useful life. Shall we not still feel encouraged to cast our bread upon the waters ; certain of the promised reward of finding it after many days.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Market to Spruce street, Twelfth to Seventeenth street.

Money from Union Benevolent Association received, \$89 ; coal orders, 101, 25 $\frac{1}{4}$ tons ; groceries, \$3.11 ; stoves loaned, 2 ; number of visits, 240 ; number of garments, from private charity, 68 ; also 1 Bible ; 1 pair spectacles ; 1 blanket ; 1 comfortable ; 3 skirts ; 2 sheets ; 2 pillow cases ; an outfit of good clothing for a respectable woman whose husband is intemperate.

A visitor is endeavoring with the aid of others, to get up a little shop for one of her poor. The husband is in a lingering consumption ; she hopes in this way to aid his family, and leave his wife the means of support for herself

and four little children. One girl has been placed in the "Industrial Home," her father being a confirmed drunkard.

SEVENTH AND TENTH DISTRICTS.

Market to Vine streets, Twelfth to Schuylkill river.

Received from Treasurer Union Benevolent Association, cash, \$238 ; from private sources, \$72.14 ; visits paid, 510 ; families under care, 69 ; coal from Union Benevolent Association, 184 orders, 46 tons ; coal from the Grandom Fund, 4 orders, about 3 tons ; second-hand garments, private charity, \$125 ; aid from Guardians of the Poor, 1 grocery order every fortnight for one family ; \$1 worth of groceries ; \$4 worth of clothing ; \$2 cash ; Race street Friends' Association, 21 partly worn garments ; \$8.05, worth of sewing ; employment obtained by visitors for the poor in their sections, \$23.35 worth ; Friends' Doreas Society, 4 new garments ; 3 suits of boys' clothing, (new ;) 10 yards of calico ; 4 second hand garments ; woollen for clothing to the amount of \$4 ; from private charity, received dry goods to the amount of \$6 ; 7½ yards of flannel, muslin for shirts, 12 yards canton flannel, material for a dress, 2 coats, 2 pairs of pantaloons, 2 pounds of tea, 6 pairs of boots ; 5 pounds of flour, 5 pounds of Indian meal, 1 pound of soap, 10 yards of old carpet, 1 bedstead, 8 yards of chintz, 6 yards of muslin, 18 yards of red flannel, medicines, \$1 worth ; one family receive all their provisions through one of the visitors ; number of sick, 72 ; number of deaths, 3 ; orders for wood given, 2 ; 1 stove loaned Union Benevolent Association ; received \$10 through Mrs. Judge Jones, from the Sanitary Commission for a soldier, who since died in one of our sections.

The Seventh and Tenth Districts were re-organized December 4, 1869. And since then they have been in thorough working order. The visitors have evinced unusual activity and zeal in searching out and relieving the poor and needy.

Figures give but a faint idea of the amount of work that has been done. Much distress has been entirely removed by obtaining employment for those able to work. And the sick have had medical assistance, and nourishing food provided them, in fact the benefits to the recipients have been untold. One of our visitors relates, a woman of

education, whose husband is ill at the almshouse, is endeavoring to support herself and child by her needle, making coarse pantaloons at \$1.25 per dozen, and was able to make two pairs a day, by constant labor early and late. She paid \$4 per month for her room, sometimes two potatoes supplied the dinner for herself and child, the visitor supplied her immediate wants, and since then has furnished her weekly from her own table.

Another case, in which a woman with a husband sick with consumption, was found by the visitor. Both were very poor, the man of course not able to do anything, but the woman supporting both by taking in washing, they had evidently seen better days, and were thankful for the aid and sympathy given them. A physician was obtained for the husband, and food suitable for him. And many comforts and delicacies which doubtless prolonged his life. He lingered through many weeks and months of suffering, and died last August, trusting in Jesus as his Saviour. On the day of the funeral his wife gave birth to twins, and she now supports herself and them by her hands, and the aid of the Union Benevolent Association. She is every way grateful and worthy all sympathy and interest.

Another case of a middle aged couple, who live in an attic. The man is unable to work, having his right arm paralyzed; his wife, a genteel, delicate woman, maintains them by making lace spencers, for which she receives \$1.20 per dozen, by constant occupation she can make four a day, but her eyes suffer from the fine white work. Through the winter they procured soup, and with the aid of the Union Benevolent their trials were lightened. While it is a blessed privilege thus to aid the destitute, it is very painful not to be able to do more for them than our scanty means will allow.

ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH DISTRICTS.

Market to South street, Seventeenth street to Schuylkill river.

Number of visits made, 1,590; number of families relieved, 693; from the Union Benevolent Association, coal given, $128\frac{1}{2}$ tons; from the Union Benevolent Association, stoves loaned, 17; from the Union Benevolent Association, funds received, \$425.00; from the Union Benevolent Association, received from Treasurer, \$; from private charity, \$199.52, also, 126 garments, sheets, pillow-cases, a bedquilt and comfortable, a rocking-chair purchased for an aged woman; \$10.00 collected by a visitor to defray the funeral expense of a child; 3 pieces of work given every week to an invalid; grapes, oranges, chicken, and other delicacies given to the sick.

From Bethany Aid Society, obtained by a visitor, \$23.50, 48 garments, and 11 pairs of shoes; from the Guardians of the Poor, \$9.00 and $\frac{1}{2}$ cord of wood; from the Grandom Fund, 17 tons of coal; from the Girard Estate, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton of coal; Home Mission, 2 pairs boots; from the Doreas of Rev. J. Chambers, 34 garments and 5 pairs shoes; from the Sanitary Fund, \$20.00.

To the House of Employment, admitted 5 women; employment given to 7 persons; 12 men and women sent to Bible class; 30 children to Sabbath school.

Cases of sickness reported, 135, and 34 deaths; 773 tracts distributed; 10 Bibles, 2 Testaments, and a book of Psalms. One Bible was given to a woman who said she had not looked in one since she was six years old. The dying condition of her sister, and her terror of death had awakened a desire to read it.

Books obtained from Parish Library of Trinity Chapel for the sick; 2 consumptive patients kindly visited and buried by the Rector of Trinity Chapel.

A visitor reports the case of a child who is a great sufferer. Two little boys sent her \$10.00, with directions from "Charlie and Bertie, for the little eripple." One of the Sisters of Charity sent the mother \$10.00 for the payment of rent, which saved her from being turned into the street; also, wine and jelly for the sick boy. The only support they have (the father being also sick) is the small earnings of a boy of fifteen. The visitor trusts that "the Father of all," who has hitherto enabled her to meet the necessities of this afflicted family, will still raise up friends for them in their great need.

Another visitor found a very deserving family occupying an empty house which was to rent. The mother very sick, an infant a few days old, and five other children. The father was at work trying to mend a pair of shoes for one of the children; he had been out of employment since early in the fall. The little ones were barefooted, and very thinly clothed. A man who came into the house with the view of renting it, sent to the soup house and got nourishment for them, and also applied to the Union Benevolent Association. The visitor found them to be of the better class of mechanics, reduced to the verge of starvation by the want of work, but would not apply for assistance. They had friends in New York and desired very much to go there. The visitor collected \$42.00, and in a week afterwards they were on their way to New York; the Camden and Amboy Railroad kindly passing them over their road (8 persons in all) for \$3.00. Since then the visitor has received two very satisfactory letters from the husband, expressing much gratitude to the friends who relieved them when in such great distress.

In several houses last winter, both men and women were found praying for work. One woman said to the visitor who had relieved her, "I told my little children not to come home to-day, I had nothing to give them to eat, but I will try never to despair again."

A visitor reports the decease of an aged woman, 97 years old, who had been relieved by the Union Benevolent Association for twenty years: during the past year a pension of three dollars, monthly, was given by a friend of the visitor, the same lady paid the woman of the house where the aged sufferer lived to help nurse her. From the Guardians of the Poor \$3.00 were procured towards funeral expenses. An aged paralytic, also for some years dependent upon the Society, died during the year. Expenses of funeral defrayed by Rev. Mr. Adair and a lady member of Union Benevolent Association.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

Delaware river to Sixth street, South street to Morris street.

Number of visits paid, 1,481; sick persons, 312; deaths, 20; money received from Union Benevolent Association, \$487; tons of coal, 115 $\frac{1}{4}$; garments from many private sources and several Dorcas Societies, 307; also, 15 hats, 2 bonnets, 2 over-coats, 2 pairs stockings, 2 cloth sacks, 3 boys' caps, 33 pairs boots and shoes, and 30 yards calico; stoves loaned, 10; soup tickets, 9.

Aid from private sources, \$51.75; 2 comfortables; 2 pounds tea; 2 papers corn starch; 2 pounds coffee; 5 pounds rice; 4 pounds sugar; 9 pounds flour; $\frac{1}{2}$ ton coal; oat-meal, oranges, and nourishment for the sick; from the Sanitary Commission for poor soldiers and families, \$37; from the Nurse Charity, aid for many poor women, in nourishment and nursing to the amount of \$69; from the Guardians of the Poor, 2 grocery orders, 6 coal orders, and groceries amounting to \$2; 6 children sent to Sunday-school; 1 woman sent to the Almshouse; 6 little girls provided with homes; 11 women furnished with employment.

\$8 loaned to a poor woman to buy coal, which was promptly returned; Bibles and tracts distributed.

During the cold weather a poor but worthy woman was found with three small children—one of them very ill. They had neither food nor fire. The visitor immediately took charge of them, and made them comfortable, relieving them from the Union Benevolent Association funds and from private sources to the amount of \$3.

The mother now is able to work, and has returned many thanks for the timely aid.

A case of more than ordinary interest came to the notice of a visitor. A family consisting of an intemperate father, aged mother, afflicted daughter, with three small children, and a son, a young man, in deep consumption. They were all in a small room, in extreme destitution, and without food. They were relieved, both from a private source and the Association, and were made comparatively comfortable. The case of the dying man took deep hold upon the feelings of the visitor, and she relieved him several months before making application for aid in other quarters. He

had been a member of the Methodist church, but had wandered from the path of duty. He confessed his errors with tears of repentance, said he was a "prodigal, but hoped to return and find pardon through a dying Saviour's love."

The visitor went frequently to his lowly abode, and had much earnest, spiritual talk with him. He learned to listen for her coming, and would say, "that is her footstep, she is coming now."

She made his case known to the Methodist brethren, who responded liberally to his wants. Two of their ministers visited him faithfully and raised funds from their churches to pay a month's rent, and defray funeral expenses. After an illness of several months "he was relieved from all pain, and went home in peace and joy in believing in his Saviour."

A poor woman was found making pants at 12½ cents a pair, her husband out of work, no fire, and two small barefooted children. She was made very grateful for a ton of coal, which the visitor bought out of her private funds. The woman said she had never before asked for aid, and proposed to pay for it out of her own work.

A mother and daughter are reported as suffering from cold. They had seen better days, but were reduced by the long illness of the mother. She had been a teacher of painting and wax-flower making in Washington. They had been obliged to pawn their goods until they were reduced to having nothing to cover them in bed but a thin muslin spread. The visitor furnished them with comfortable bedding, for which they expressed great gratitude.

A destitute family, consisting of a mother and four children, was found by a visitor. The father had been a soldier, and was deceased. The visitor took charge of the children, and placed two of them in good private families, one in the Lincoln Institute, and one in the Episcopal Home for Destitute Orphan Children, thus leaving the mother at liberty to earn her own living.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

South to Morris, Sixth to Schuylkill river.

Number of families relieved, 1017; number of visits made, 1320; number of sick relieved, 238; number of deaths reported, 24; from the Union Benevolent Association, coal, $93\frac{3}{4}$ tons; from the Union Benevolent Association, funds, \$440; from the Union Benevolent Association, comfortables loaned and returned, 3; from the Union Benevolent Association, stoves loaned and returned, 5; from Bethany Aid for funeral expenses, \$80; from Bethany Aid, garments given, 100, 15 pairs boots and shoes, 20 hats, 1 bedstead, also for the sick, wine, jelly and other delicacies; from Sanitary Commission, through Mrs. Jones, for nine soldiers, \$55; from the Lying in Charity in 43 cases for nursing and nourishment received, \$163; from the First Presbyterian Dorcas, 20 garments; from private sources, 207 garments, articles of furniture and carpet to a destitute family, \$5 paid weekly to a poor man's family, who through the visitor was admitted into the Hospital, coal and wood, \$35 towards funeral expenses, also cash \$169; sewing from the Provident Society to the amount of \$34; a number of soup tickets distributed; ten persons persuaded to attend Bible class and church.

A visitor reports a family visited thus: In a cellar-kitchen, damp and cold, a child two years old was alone, looking nearly starved, her little feet frosted by cold; her sister, two years older, was gone for soup, the mother out at work. On my return I saw the woman, who appeared respectable, but the old, sad story—a drunken husband! She said they had lived very comfortably, her husband receiving good wages and bringing them home; but during a dull season was enticed into company, began to drink; one article after another of furniture was sold by him, until not even a bed to rest upon after the labor of the day, was left her. She adds: "If we could banish rum, our labors would be comparatively light."

Another case—a young mother with four children, one a babe a day old. The children were all sick, and they and their mother occupied but one bed. It was a tenement house and the other families did not know of their condition. Finding they were without food, the visitor

went to a store, procured some nourishment, cooked it, and stayed until she saw the mother (who was burning with a fever) and children made comparatively comfortable. It appeared they were from the country, and, until then, had not known want. The husband was a steady man, but having no trade had been only able to earn enough to pay their rent. Through the visitor and her friends they are now more comfortable.

Many more such cases could be reported.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

Sixth street to Schuylkill river, Vine street to Girard avenue.

Number of families under care, 1350 ; number of visits made, 3318 ; number of sick persons, 159 ; number of deaths, 19 ; number of removals, 6 ; number of soup tickets given, 20 ; Union Benevolent funds received, \$485 ; Union Benevolent coal given, 520 orders (130 tons) ; Union Benevolent stoves loaned, 14 ; returned, 3 ; from the Guardians of the Poor, 8 tons of coal, eleven one-dollar orders for groceries ; from Girard Fund, 3 coal orders ; from Home Mission Society, \$2 ; from Dorcas of St. John's Lutheran Church, 10 yards calico, 12½ yards muslin, 6 yards canton flannel, 2 pairs drawers, and 2 dresses ; from Ladies' Aid of the Central Congregational Church, 12 yards muslin ; from Grace Church Dorcas Society, 23 yards muslin, 35 yards calico, 15 yards flannel, 3 pairs shoes, 5 glasses jelly, also several part-worn garments ; from the Matron of the House of Refuge, 69 pieces of part-worn clothing ; from Mrs. Jones for special case, \$8 ; from Miss Coates for special case, \$5 ; from Mr. G. W. Childs, \$200 ; from Miss Fawcett, \$5 to enable Mrs. H., a minister's widow, to visit her friends in Allentown ; assistance procured from the Synodical Fund of St. Mark's Lutheran Church for a widow ; work obtained from the Union Benevolent for the same ; From Mrs. Dr. R. E. Peterson, 25 pairs of knit woollen stockings, 30 yards canton flannel, 40 yards woollen flannel, and 60 yards muslin ; from private charity, \$76.40, 75 undergarments, 2 bonnets, 3 wrappers, 19 pairs pants, 11 pairs shoes, 3 coats, 3 vests, 10 muslin shirts, 10 shirt-collars, 25 part-worn garments, 24 pairs children's stockings, 2 zephyr hoods, 10 jackets, 6 suits of boys' clothing, 15 pieces infants' clothing (part worn), 2 flannel sacques, 10 pairs cotton stockings, 2 sheets, 2 mattresses, 1 comfortable, 1 blanket, 1 bedstead, 19 yards muslin, 11 yards canton flannel, 6 yards red flannel, 16 yards calico, 3 bundles part-worn clothing, potatoes, beef, sugar, tea, rice, crackers, tapioca pudding, jelly, chickens,

canned peaches, apples, ham, corn starch and other delicacies for sick, 48 loaves of bread and 3 baskets of provisions ; 1 person removed to the Almshouse ; 2 children sent to Sabbath-school ; employment obtained for 1 person.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

Delaware river to Sixth street, Vine street to Girard avenue.

Families under care, 478 ; visits made, 1,498 ; number of sick, 98 ; number of deaths, 19 ; employment obtained for 42 ; soup tickets given, 17 ; children placed in Sabbath-schools, 23 ; tracts given, 1,380 ; Bibles, 18 ; tons of coal from Union Benevolent Association, $122\frac{1}{4}$ tons ; money received from Union Benevolent Association, \$390.

Private Charity.—Money collected and given, \$354.55 ; coal, $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons ; wood, 1 cord ; new garments, 73 ; partially worn garments, 354 ; additional clothing : 3 overcoats, 4 cloth coats, 5 pairs of pants, 2 suits of boys' clothes, 3 wrappers, 8 new dresses, 5 yards muslin, 23 yards calico, 7 yards flannel, 22 pairs of new shoes, 16 pairs of worn shoes, 4 pairs of boots ; for provision : 6 bushels of potatoes, 13 pounds of tea, 15 pounds of flour, sugar, farina, wine, and every needed article of nourishment for the sick.

Aid from other charitable sources.—Sanitary Commission, \$50 to soldiers' families in distress ; Home Mission, \$17.50 ; $6\frac{1}{2}$ tons of coal, 4 pairs of new boots, and 1 pair new shoes ; Guardians of the Poor, 4 tons of coal and \$2 ; Union Aid Society, \$70, 5 tons of coal, 4 pairs of new boots, and 20 yards calico ; Second Reformed Church, \$6, 137 new garments, 18 pairs of new shoes, 2 tons of coal, 4 suits of boys' clothes, and 71 yards new material ; Central Presbyterian Church, 25 new garments, including 1 suit of boys' clothes ; Buttonwood St. Presbyterian Church, 18 new garments and 2 boys' suits.

These very encouraging figures taken in connection with the following interesting incidents selected from many of the same character in the reports, need only be perused to show the destitution of the poor and the faithfulness of the visitors.

A visitor reports nine cases of scarlet fever, all children. One interesting patient, a little girl, only seven years old, is noticed thus : She suffers greatly ; her head is swollen and her eyes entirely closed, but her patience and really Christian fortitude is remarkable. When told that Jesus loves little children, she said : " Yes, I know Jesus loves

me." "How do you know it?" I said. A smile came over her little pale face as she answered: "Because I love him *so very much*." The sweet faith of this little one brings the thought, *surely*. "He doth reveal himself unto babes." The mother of this suffering one has five other children just recovering from the fever, and she is worse than a widow, for she has a brutal, drunken husband.

The following extract from the report of one visitor for one month, tells a meaning tale: "A very respectable man went to a friend and privately told him he was in a state of starvation. He has a wife and two children, and they had not bread to eat and no means of procuring it, as they had no employment and could get none.

"This friend made the case known to your visitor, who begged \$24 from friends, procured half ton of coal from the City Mission, and \$3 worth of groceries, collected \$10 to enable his wife to get a license to sell perfumery, and by repeated and persevering efforts at length succeeded in finding employment for him at \$12 per week. They are now happy and comfortable.

"Visited a widow with five children, the eldest in the last stage of consumption and the next with his thigh broken. Procured for them half ton of coal from City Mission, \$1 worth groceries and \$5 from private charity, which was expended for them in provisions at different times; obtained also light employment for the mother. Collected \$40 for Mrs. J. to enable her to open a boarding house. Visited sixty-eight families and assisted them from Union Benevolent Association, aided by \$30, two tons of coal and \$5 worth of groceries from the Union Aid Society."

From another report is the following:

"I found in a little garret a poor Christian woman in great trouble. She had just paid the last dollar on a sewing machine, the amount for which she had been struggling for three months to make up. In her absence in search of work her drunken husband had pawned it for rum. I

ascertained the amount given for it by the pawnbroker and redeemed it, but she would not receive it as a gift. She insisted on returning the money and has done so in part. I called upon her in my last visit and found her again in possession of her treasure, hard at work and singing her thankfulness to Him who had sent her aid in time of need."

Is it in vain that we labor? And giving the "cup of cold water in His name, do we not receive the disciple's reward?"

Respectfully submitted.

10th mo. 18th, 1870.

SPECIAL DONATIONS.

The fund of \$55, received from the Fragment Society, to provide warm bed-clothing, to *loan* to the poor, has been used with advantage. All the clothing loaned during the year, was returned in good order.

March 11th, 1870.—Received by Mrs. Jones from G. R. B. \$20 "for distribution to those you deem most needy." Distributed this amount to five families, according to above directions.

Acknowledged here in the hope that it may meet the eye of the benevolent donor.

REPORT
OF THE
MALE VISITOR.

To the Board of Managers of the
Union Benevolent Association :

GENTLEMEN:—Your male visitor presents the following report of his labors, from October, 1869, to October, 1870. Number of families visited, 2,150; number of families assisted, 820; groceries, amounting to \$227, distributed among 820 families; 48 stoves loaned during the winter of 1869-70, and 127 tons of coal, together with 4 pairs of shoes given to the needy; the number of sick under care during the past year, 90; number of deaths, 25. I received no donations of money last winter.

Your visitor would here remark, that his visits have been still in those miserable localities, where the most wretched of our population reside, and I pursuing the same course as last year, have cut off all those hopeless cases, that are in Alaska and Spafford, Baker and Shippen and St. Mary streets, and in that locality; only those that we found worthy of relief, and in extreme cases of distress.

From what I have seen this summer, of the indolent and idle life of these people, I have come to the conclusion, that it would be wrong to assist them in their idleness. The sick have been attended to, of which there are many, the old have been seen to, the widow and orphan have been cared for by your Visitor, but he finds

his means to be limited to all he would wish to do. There are many cases of suffering that he might mention, of consumptions, cancers, and dropsy, as well as those of relapsing fevers. The stoves are in good order, and very few lost.

Respectfully yours,

F. MACHETT,

Male Visitor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES BY LADIES' BRANCH.

1869.					
November 4,	Received	from	Treasurer.....	\$500	00
December 2,	"	"	"	500	00
1870.					
January 6,	"	"	"	500	00
February 3,	"	"	"	500	00
March 3,	"	"	"	500	00
April 7,	"	"	"	400	00
May 5,	"	"	"	300	00
June 2,	"	"	"	350	00
October 6,	"	"	"	400	00
Balance from last year.....					17
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					\$3,950 17

EXPENDITURES.

To District No. 1.....	\$164 00
To Districts Nos. 2, 3, 6.....	505 00
To District No. 4.....	115 00
To Disiricts 5, 9.....	273 00
To Districts 7, 10.....	238 00
To District 8.....	89 00
To Districts 11, 12.....	425 00
To District 13.....	487 00
To District 14.....	440 00
To District 15.....	485 00
To District 16.....	390 00
To eleven families, (scattered poor).....	165 00
To one comfortable.....	2 00
To shoe bill.....	19 50
To Secretary's book for Districts 7, 10.....	45
Balance	152 22
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	\$3,950 17

ANNUAL REPORT OF STORE COMMITTEE.

By sales.....	\$1,184 07
By work done for customers.....	4,700 43
By balance from last year.....	200 99
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	\$6,085 49
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To sewing women, paid.....	\$3,164 95
Bills of store, paid.....	1,669 39
Employees.....	1,165 00
Balance in Treasury.....	86 15
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	\$6,085 49
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Stock valued at.....	\$1,557 23
Outstanding bills.....	420 20
Garments cut and made.....	5,015
Workers employed weekly.....	28

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Union Benevolent Association, from October 20th, 1869, to October 18th, 1870, taken from Treasurer's Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance as per account submitted at last meeting.....	\$7 48
Cash as per contributions received from collectors.....	6,135 00
“ donations received by Treasurer.....	2,259 20
“ legacies received by Treasurer.....	3,506 02
“ legacies received by Mr. Purves.....	4,750 00
“ donations received by Agent, at office.....	1,437 00
“ Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Co., returned freight.....	1,577 75
“ net proceeds of note discounted at Bank of Commerce.....	1,980 00
“ rents and gas bills received from tenants.....	2,329 67
“ from Mr. Wilcox's estate to cover outstanding checks.....	122 80
“ from other sources.....	20 90
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	\$24,125 82

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid to the Committee of Conference for distribution	\$3,950 00
“ for coal, wood, and freight on coal.....	8,508 43
“ incidental expenses.....	1,260 49
“ groceries and cash orders furnished to the poor	344 25
“ for increased perpetual insurance.....	144 00
“ Agent's salary.....	800 00
“ commissions to collectors.....	524 40
“ Male Visitor's salary.....	420 00
“ for stoves, pipe, &c.....	224 50
“ Mr. Hicks, for back salary.....	76 25
“ note at National Bank of Commerce.....	2,000 00
“ interest on Mortgage to Philadelphia Saving Fund.....	330 00
“ Mortgage to Philadelphia Saving Fund.....	3,000 00
“ for taxes, repairs, gas, &c.....	1,037 77
Balance in hands of E. R. Wood, Treasurer	155 73
“ “ “ “ Mr. Purves.....	1,350 00
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	\$1,505 73
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	\$24,125 82

SUMMARY

Of Receipts and Expenditures of the Union Benevolent Association, including the Ladies' Branch, from October 20th, 1869, to October 18th, 1870.

RECEIPTS.

Total receipts as per Treasurer's report for the year.....	\$24,125 82
Cash collections received by lady visitors from private sources, and aid from Co-operative Associations.....	2,288 65
Cash received for sales at store.....	1,184 07
“ for work done for customers	4,700 43
Estimated value of a very large amount of clothing for men, women, and children, and of bedding, mattresses, bedsteads, hats, boots and shoes, and groceries, coal, wood, and various articles for the sick, obtained and distributed by the visiting ladies to the poor	2,000 00
Unexpended balance in the hands of Ladies' Branch.....	152 22
Balance in the hands of store agency per last report	200 99
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	\$34,652 18

EXPENDITURES.

Amount disbursed as per Treasurer's report for the year...	\$22,620 09
Cash private contributions received by lady visitors and distributed to the poor.....	2,288 65
Cash paid to sewing women at store.....	3,164 95
“ for materials for store operations.....	1,669 39
“ to employees at store.....	1,165 00
Estimated value of clothing, &c., as specified above, received, and distributed to the poor by lady visitors.....	2,000 00
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer.....	\$1,505 73
“ “ of Ladies' Branch.....	152 22
“ “ of store agency.....	86 15
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	1,744 10
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	\$34,652 18

SOCIETIES

Which have kindly co-operated with our Association, to which our
thanks are respectfully tendered.

Guardians of the Poor.

Sanitary Commission.

Hibernia Society.

St. Peter's Church.

St. Paul's Church.

Church of Ascension.

Dorcas Society of First Presbyterian Church.

St. John's Church.

Bethany Aid Society.

Friends' Sewing Society.

Logan Square Church.

Ladies' Aid Society.

Nurses' Charity for Poor Women.

Home Mission.

Dorcas Society, St. Paul's Church.

Union Aid Society.

Dorcas Society of Second Reformed Church.

Dorcas Society of M. E. Church.

Dorcas Society of the Buttonwood Street Presbyterian Church.

Central Presbyterian Church.

Girard Fund.

Ladies' Circle of Central Congregational Church.

Matron of the House of Refuge.

Northwest Union Aid Society.

Dorcas Society of Rev. Mr. Chambers' Church.

Nurses' Charity Aid for Poor Women.

Friends' Northern Dorcas Society.

Dorcas Society of Grace Church.

Church of Epiphany.

Mrs. Shober's Dorcas Society.

Grand Old Coal Association.

Friends' Fuel Association.

DONATIONS.

A Friend.....	\$100 00	Boyd, Miss.....	\$5 00
Ashmead, G. B.....	25 00	Beesley, P. W.....	5 00
Atmore, F. B... ..	25 00	Blair, A.....	5 00
A Friend.....	10 00	Brobst, A.....	5 00
Allen, S.....	10 00	Biddle, James S.....	5 00
Allen, J. C	5 00	Burton, Mrs. R.....	5 00
A Lady, by S. H. Perkins..	5 00	Bailey, Josiah L.....	5 00
Arnold, M., Jr.....	5 00	Bangs & Maxwell.....	5 00
A., per J. H. Atwood.....	5 00	Berens, J., M. D.....	5 00
A Friend, by Evening Star	5 00	Baker, Miss Mary.....	5 00
Agnew, D. H.....	5 00	Baker, Mrs. W.....	5 00
A Friend.....	5 00	Bringhurst, Mr.....	5 00
		Brown, Frederick.....	5 00
Brown, John A.....	150 00		
Brown, Mary D.....	100 00	Clift, Mary J., Estate of...	178 00
Biddle, H. J.....	100 00	Childs, Geo. W.....	100 00
Bohlen, John.....	100 00	Colwell, S.....	100 00
Bohlen, Miss.....	50 00	Cope, Alfred.....	100 00
Biddle, H. & Co.....	50 00	Cope Bros.....	100 00
Benson, Alexander.....	50 00	Cash	100 00
Baker, Ann M.....	50 00	Coates, Benjamin.....	87 70
Baker, Charles.....	50 00	Cope, M. C.....	35 00
Bement & Dougherty.....	50 00	Cash	30 00
Brown Brothers & Co.....	50 00	Coffin, Arthur G.....	30 00
Biddle, C.....	50 00	Creighton, E. H., Estate of	25 00
Brown, Alexander.....	50 00	Clark, E. W. & Co.....	25 00
Binney, Horace, Jr	50 00	Clyde, Thomas.....	25 00
Blanehard, W. A.....	50 00	Caldwell, Gordon & Co....	25 00
Borie, C. & H.....	50 00	Cooper, Miss H. L.....	25 00
Bayard, James.....	50 00	Coffin & Altemus.....	20 00
Bettle, Wm.....	40 00	Collins, A. M., Jr.....	20 00
Bettle, Samuel.....	30 00	Clay, Joseph A.....	20 00
Baird, Wm. M.....	25 00	Capp, W. M.....	10 00
B., Mrs.....	20 00	Cornelius & Sons.....	10 00
Benson, B. S.....	20 00	Coates, S. & S.....	10 00
Bryan, Josiah.....	15 00	Carpenter, G. S. & Co.....	10 00
Brown, Moses.....	15 00	Carter, John.....	10 00
Bettle Bros.....	10 00	Cadbury, Rhoads & Thomas	10 00
Bond & Biddle.....	10 00	Claghorn, J. L.....	10 00
Bullock & Crenshaw	10 00	Cope, C.....	10 00
Bareroft & Co.....	10 00	C. B.....	10 00
Brown, T. W. C.....	10 00	C. S. A.....	10 00
Brown, Catharine M.....	10 00	Cash	10 00
Baker, Abraham.....	10 00	Cash	10 00
Buckius, McCammon & Co	10 00	Cash	10 00
Biddle, Geo. W.....	10 00	Caldwell, J. E. & Co.....	10 00
Bolton, W. G.....	10 00	Cash	7 00
Brooks, Miller & Co.....	10 00	Cramond, H.....	5 00
Brockie, W.....	10 00	C. C., per J. H. Atwood...	5 00
Budd, Thomas A.....	10 00	Cresson, C. C.....	5 00
Baldwin, Mrs.....	10 00	Cresson, Sarah E.....	5 00
Biddle, T. A.....	10 00	Cope, Edward, Jr.....	5 00
Bohlen, Henry & Co.....	10 00	Comegys, B. B.....	5 00

Cash.....	\$5 00	Grigg, Mrs. Nancy M.....	\$20 00
Cash.....	5 00	Gentleman & Lady.....	10 00
Cash.....	5 00	G. S. S.....	10 00
Cash.....	5 00	Godey, L. A.....	10 00
Cash.....	5 00	Gans, W. & Co.....	5 00
Cash.....	5 00	Grant, C. & C.....	5 00
Drexel & Co.....	150 00	Hausman, Estate of.....	796 65
Dulles, Joseph H.....	50 00	H. E. Z.....	160 00
D. V.....	50 00	Hutchinson, Miss M.....	100 00
Dencela, C. Paul.....	25 00	Harrison, Jos., Jr.....	100 00
Dutilh, Charles.....	20 00	Horstmann & Sons.....	50 00
Drexel, Mrs. S. M.....	20 00	Hodge, Hugh L., M. D.....	50 00
Dale, Ross & Co.....	10 00	Horner, Eliz. W.....	25 00
Dubois, Wm. E.....	10 00	Harrison, Havemeyer & Co	25 00
Drayton, W. H.....	10 00	Hare, Rev. Dr.....	20 00
Dulles, Jos. H., Jr.....	10 00	Hoopes, Townsend & Co...	20 00
Diekerson, Mrs.....	5 00	H.....	20 00
Dauids, Mr. U.....	5 00	Hutchinson, B. P.....	10 00
Dulles, John W.....	5 00	Harvey, J. S.....	10 00
Davis, Mrs. Benjamin.....	5 00	H. E. Z.....	10 00
Dutilh, Catharine M.....	5 00	H. B.....	10 00
D. R. S.....	5 00	Henry, Morton P.....	5 00
Dixon, G. W.....	5 00	Hartshorne, C.....	5 00
Elmsley, Wm.....	80 00	Horner, Mrs. Dr. E. W.....	5 00
Evans, Charles, M. D.....	25 00	Hamm, Mrs. P. E.....	5 00
E. M. B.....	25 00	Hibberd, Mary.....	5 00
E. W.....	20 00	Hewitt, Mrs. E. M.....	5 00
Evans, Wm.....	20 00	Hale, Rev. Chas. R.....	5 00
Ellis, Charles, Son & Co....	10 00	H.....	5 00
E. W.....	10 00	In Envelope without name.	160 00
Emerson, Doctor.....	10 00	James, Kent, Santee & Co..	30 00
E. G. S.....	10 00	Jones, Joseph.....	25 00
E.....	10 00	J. W. C.....	25 00
Earp, Mrs. Geo.....	5 00	Jones, Jacob.....	20 00
Earp, Miss Virginia.....	5 00	J. R. H.....	20 00
E. H.....	5 00	Jungerich & Smith.....	10 00
Fahnestock, Mrs. B. A.....	25 00	Jones, Samuel W.....	10 00
Fille, Harvey.....	20 00	Jones, Jacob P.....	10 00
Farrel, Herring & Co.....	10 00	Johnston, Mrs. Caroline....	10 00
Fenton & Thompson.....	10 00	Johnson, Miss Mary.....	10 00
Farnum, John.....	10 00	Jennison, Mrs.....	10 00
Felton, Rau & Sibley.....	10 00	Jennison, Miss Minnie.....	5 00
Fisher, Mrs.....	10 00	Jones, Horatio Gates.....	5 00
Fisher, Miss.....	10 00	Irwin, John B.....	5 00
Fracker, A. H.....	10 00	Ingersoll, E.....	5 00
F. W. L.....	10 00	Jacobs, Mrs.....	5 00
Friend to the Poor.....	5 00	Johnson, F. & J. W. & Co.	5 00
Fearons & Smith.....	5 00	Jordan & Bros.....	5 00
Flanagan, S. & J. M.....	5 00	King, Francis.....	50 00
Fales, Wharton & Co.....	5 00	King & Baird.....	25 00
Fisher, Mrs. S. F.....	5 00	Kortwright, Mrs.....	15 00
Frazier, N.....	5 00	Knight, E. R.....	10 00
Ford, Samuel C.....	5 00	Koons, Charles.....	5 00
Grigg, John, Jr., Estate of..	4750 00	Kimber, A. M.....	5 00
Gibson, John, Son & Co....	75 00	Knight, E. C. & Co.....	5 00
Gest, John B.....	20 00	Kisterboek, Josiah.....	5 00
Gaw, Bacon & Co.....	20 00	Krewson, Mrs. M. H.....	5 00

Union Benevolent Association.

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Lea, H. C.....	\$75 00	Newhall, Borie & Co.....	\$25 00
Lady, by Mr. Orne.....	60 00	Norris, Miss H. F.....	25 00
Lewis, John T.....	35 00	Neall, Danl., M. D.....	20 00
Lewis, Saunders.....	35 00	Norris, W., M. D.....	10 00
Leaming, J. Fisher.....	25 00	Norris, Israel.....	10 00
Lewis, Enoch.....	25 00	N. S., Miss.....	7 00
Lex, Charles E.....	25 00		
Lewis, Miss M.....	20 00	Orne, Mrs. Sarah.....	5 00
Lewis, Misses, per J. H. A.	20 00		
Lewis, W. D.....	20 00	Phipps, Miss, Estate of.....	1200 00
Lewis, Wharton & Co.....	20 00	Porter, Judge Wm. A.....	500 00
Leonard, Baker & Co.....	10 00	Pepper, Geo. S.....	100 00
Lippincott, Josiah.....	10 00	Price, Eli K.....	25 00
Lewis, Miss R. T.....	10 00	Page, S. Davis.....	25 00
Lafourcade, M.....	10 00	Perot, Charles.....	25 00
Lady.....	10 00	Purves, Wm.....	25 00
Latimer, Mrs. S., sch'l class	10 00	Pardee, A. & Co.....	20 00
Lafourcade, E., Irwin & Co.	5 00	Perkins, S. H.....	20 00
Lewis, Mrs. D.....	5 00	Peters, Mrs. Emily.....	20 00
Lewis, W.....	5 00	Peterson, Geo.....	10 00
Lea, M. C.....	5 00	Perkins, A. R.....	10 00
		Page, G. W., Jr.....	10 00
Morris, Tasker & Co.....	100 00	Paul, Miss.....	10 00
McKean, Borie & Co.....	100 00	Peace, E., M. D.....	10 00
Merrick & Son.....	50 00	Pepper, F. S.....	5 00
Morris, Henry, Sr.....	50 00	Paul, Miss Sidney.....	5 00
Morris, Wheeler & Co.....	50 00	Patterson, Mrs. Ellen H....	5 00
Marshall, Benjamin.....	30 00	Pearce, W. C.....	5 00
McAllister, John.....	30 00	Parrish, Dillwyn.....	5 00
Morris, Geo. C.....	25 00	Parry, Oliver.....	5 00
Magee, James F.....	25 00	Perot, Charles.....	5 00
Magee, Michael.....	25 00		
Mackellar, Smiths & Jordan	25 00	Randolph & Jenks..	110 00
Maule, Edward.....	25 00	Ryers, R. W.....	100 00
Massey, Wm. & Co.....	25 00	Rhoads, Charles.....	75 00
Moss, Isaac M.....	20 00	Ryers, Mrs. J. W.....	50 00
Morris, Israel W.....	20 00	Ryers, Mrs. J. B.....	50 00
McIntyre, Mrs. A.....	20 00	Reeves, Samuel J.....	25 00
Mason, S. & Co.....	15 00	Richardson, Richard.....	25 00
M. R. S.....	15 00	Robinett, J. P.....	25 00
Morris, Dr. Caspar.....	10 00	Rapson, Geo. H.....	20 00
Maule, Henry.....	10 00	Roberts, S. W.....	20 00
Moore, Henry D.....	10 00	Robinson, Moneure.....	20 00
McDowell, L. & Co.....	10 00	Ridgway, Thomas.....	10 00
Miller & Bro.....	10 00	Roberts, S. W.....	10 00
Massey, Ann K.....	10 00	Roach, Jos. H.....	10 00
Moore, Wm. H.....	10 00	Rhoads, Deborah, per C. R.	10 00
Magarge, Charles & Co.....	10 00	Randolph, Sarah E.....	10 00
Marshall, Mary.....	10 00	Remak, Gustavus.....	10 00
Marshall, Sarah.....	10 00	Reigel, Jacob & Co.....	10 00
McCallum, J. G.....	5 00	Rodman, Z.....	10 00
McKeon, Van Hagen & Co	5 00	Reeves & Parvin.....	5 00
Martin & Garrett.....	5 00	Randolph, M.....	5 00
Morgan, Bush & Co.....	5 00	Randolph, S.....	5 00
Maginnis, E. J.....	5 00	Read, John M.....	5 00
Miskey, Merrill & Thackara	5 00	Russel, G. Wilbur.....	5 00
McCalla, James S.....	5 00	Rosengarten, G. D., Jr....	5 00
Mullen, Mrs. G. W.....	5 00	Rosengarten, J. G.....	5 00
McIlvaine, Miss.....	5 00	Robb, Charles.....	5 00
McIlvaine, Miss M.....	5 00	Rosengarten, G. D.....	5 00

Rogers, Mrs. H. P.....	\$5 00	Vaux, Eliza.....	\$35 00
Redner, Lewis H.....	5 00	Vaux, Geo.....	20 00
Rhoads, Miss E.....	5 00	Vaux, Wm. S.....	15 00
		Van Syckle, S. B.....	10 00
Swift, Joseph.....	100 00	Van Pelt, Rev. Dr.....	10 00
Stitt, Mrs. James.....	50 00		
Shannon, Elwood.....	50 00	Wood, R. D., Estate of....	441 37
Sellers, Wm. & Co.....	50 00	Wurts, Dr. Charles Stewart	120 00
Smith, James C.....	50 00	Wileox, Samuel.....	100 00
S. J. S. & W. C. H.....	50 00	Waln, S. Morris.....	100 00
Stevenson, C., Executors of	50 00	Wood, Dr. Geo. B.....	100 00
Seybert, H.....	50 00	Welsh, S. & W.....	100 00
Stokes, Caldwell & Co.....	25 00	Wagner, Mary.....	50 00
Starr, Isaac.....	25 00	Williams, Henry J.....	50 00
Spencer, Charles.....	25 00	Wheeler, Charles.....	45 00
Stewardson, Ann.....	20 00	White, S. & S.....	25 00
Savage, Mrs. S. C.....	20 00	Wood, Morrow & Co.....	25 00
Stretch, Wesley.....	10 00	Wood, Richard.....	25 00
S.....	10 00	Willing, Mrs. Edward S....	25 00
Smith, Jos. P.....	10 00	Whelen, E. S.....	25 00
Stevenson, John B.....	10 00	Westcott & Thompson.....	25 00
Sharpless, Charles L.....	10 00	Warburton, W. F.....	20 00
Smyth, Mrs. Samuel.....	10 00	Wagner, Mrs. E. L. Burt..	20 00
Stillé, Alfred, M. D.....	10 00	Whiteman, John.....	20 00
S. W. P.....	6 00	W. H. H.....	20 00
Simons, J. K.....	5 00	W. H. B.....	20 00
Shultz, Mrs.....	5 00	Wilstach, W. P., per Scott	
Smith, Mrs. G. R.....	5 00	& Day.....	20 00
Smith, Daniel, Jr.....	5 00	Waln, Phebe L.....	20 00
Small, Robert H.....	5 00	Watmough, Mrs. M. J. G..	15 00
Souder, E. A. & Co.....	5 00	Whitall, Tatum & Co.....	15 00
Smith, Richard S.....	5 00	Willing, C.....	10 00
Scott, Mrs. J. M.....	5 00	Weston, Edward.....	10 00
Sherrerd, Henry D.....	5 00	Willing, Charles.....	10 00
Scott, Miss.....	5 00	Wood, H. C.....	10 00
Selser & Bros.....	5 00	Watson, Thos. P.....	10 00
Smith, Geo. R.....	5 00	White, Ambrose.....	10 00
Sager, Adeline.....	5 00	Watson, Thomas.....	10 00
Smith, Walter	5 00	Wallen, W. H. & G.....	10 00
Swan, M. E.....	5 00	W.....	10 00
S. & P.....	5 00	Walton, Joseph.....	6 50
S. W. A.....	5 00	Widow's Mite.....	5 00
		White, J.....	5 00
Taylor, Charles.....	50 00	Williams, Danl. & Son.....	5 00
T. M. J.....	40 00	White, John J.....	5 00
Tatham, H. B., G. W. &		Walker, L. L.....	5 00
W. P.....	30 00	Wright, Edward M.....	5 00
Tredick, B. T.....	20 00	Wood, Rand.....	5 00
Troutman, G. M.....	10 00	Wood, Charles S.....	5 00
Thompson, Clarke & Young	10 00	Wharton, Henry.....	5 00
Tilghman, Mrs.....	10 00	Wharton, Geo. M.....	5 00
Temple, J. T.....	10 00	White, John R.....	5 00
Tryon, G. W.....	10 00	Wilson, Mrs. E. G.....	5 00
Toland, Mrs. G. W.....	5 00		
Taylor, G. C.....	5 00	Yarnall, Chas., per S. C.	
Torr, J. Nelson.....	5 00	Yarnall.....	25 00
Under Five Dollars.....	27 00	X. Y. Z.....	10 00

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
UNION BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, in all populous communities, and especially in large cities, the evils of pauperism are found to press heavily, both on the poor by privation, and on the rich by taxation: and since experience shows that the comfort and well-being of every individual in society are liable to interruption by the disorderly conduct and crimes which too often accompany poverty; and whereas, it is a duty, admitted to be binding upon all persons, to aid in alleviating, and still more in preventing the misfortunes and sufferings of their fellow-citizens; we, the undersigned, after due deliberation on the subject, do hereby agree to the following Constitution, as the means by which actual distress will be the best mitigated and removed, pauperism and its concomitant ills prevented, and employment and instruction provided for the indigent and needy, compatibly with justice to all classes, and the best interests of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called "THE UNION BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION."

ARTICLE II.

Every citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, who shall subscribe this Constitution, and pay into the hands of the Treasurer the sum of ten dollars, shall be a member for life; and every such citizen who shall sub-

scribe this Constitution, and pay annually into the hands of the Treasurer the sum of two dollars, shall be a member while he contributes.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Association shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and twenty Managers, who, jointly, constitute an Executive Board, seven of whom shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

The President, or, in case of his absence, the senior Vice-President, present, shall preside at the meetings of the Association and Executive Board, and subscribe their official acts. In case of the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, a President *pro tempore* shall be appointed.

ARTICLE V.

The Association shall meet annually on the third Tuesday in October of each year, fifteen forming a quorum; and the Executive Board shall meet at least once in each month.

ARTICLE VI.

The President, or, in case of his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, shall, at the request in writing of ten members, call special meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE VII.

The Executive Board shall, at the Annual Meeting of the Association, lay before it a full report of its affairs, and of the proceedings of the Board for the past year, and communicate such other information as may be considered useful.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Board shall have full authority to confer and correspond with the Ladies' Society and committees; to divide the city and county into districts; to appoint an agent or agents, with such salaries as may be necessary, and to take such other measures as they may deem expedient to carry the objects of the Association into effect; and shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur in the Board.

ARTICLE IX.

The Treasurer shall report monthly to the Board, and shall, at the Annual Meeting of the Association, lay before it a full statement of his accounts, and of the funds of the Association; and shall pay all orders drawn by the President under the direction of the Association or Board.

ARTICLE X.

The Recording Secretary shall keep fair minutes of the proceedings of the Association and of the Board; shall attest their official acts, and give notice of their meetings. In case of his absence, a Secretary *pro tempore* shall be appointed.

ARTICLE XI.

The correspondence of the Association and of the Board shall be under the charge of the Corresponding Secretary.

ARTICLE XII.

The members shall, at the Annual Meeting, elect by ballot the officers and managers of the Association, to serve for one year, or until a new Board shall be elected; provided, however, that no person shall be allowed to vote who has not been a member of the Association at least three months prior to the election.

ARTICLE XIII.

The Recording Secretary shall give at least three days' notice in the newspapers, of the time and place of the election, and of the meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Managers may make any rules, regulations, or By-Laws that they may think proper, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE XV.

The clear yearly value or income of the messuages, houses, lands and tenements, rents, annuities, or other hereditaments and real estate of the said corporation, and the interest of money to be lent by them, shall not exceed the sum of five hundred pounds.

"And the said 'The Union Benevolent Association' shall, by that name, have perpetual succession, with power to have a common seal, and to change the same at pleasure, to make contracts relative to the objects of the institution, to sue and be sued, and by that name and title be capable, in law, of taking, holding, improving, mortgaging, and conveying any estate, real or personal, stocks, bonds, mortgages, and other securities, the net annual income of which shall not exceed four thousand dollars, to be appropriated to no other objects than those expressed in this charter;" in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in such case made and provided.—[*Altered by Act of Assembly, and recorded in Deed Book G. W. C., No. 1, page 482.*]

BY - LAWS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF
THE UNION BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I.—Stated Meetings shall be held on the fourth Friday in each month, at seven and a half P. M., or on such other day and hour as the Board may appoint.

ARTICLE II.—Special Meetings may be called by the President, or in his absence by either of the Vice-Presidents, at the written request of five members of the Board.

ARTICLE III.—The order of business shall be as follows :

1. Calling the Roll.
2. Reading the Minutes.
3. Report of agent.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. Report of Standing Committees.
6. Report of Special Committees.
7. Deferred business.
8. New business.
9. Election.

ARTICLE IV.—The following Standing Committees shall be chosen by ballot, at the first meeting of the Board after the annual election :

1. A Committee on Publication, to consist of not less than three members.

2. A Committee of Conference, to consist of not less than five members, to attend the monthly meeting of the Ladies' Board.

3. A Committee on *Finance*, to consist of not less than five members, to confer with the Treasurer, and have an oversight of the financial concerns; at least one of their number to examine and certify *all* bills before they be ordered to be paid by this Board.

4. A Committee on office and work, to consist of not less than five members.

5. A Committee on fuel and stoves, to consist of not less than five members.

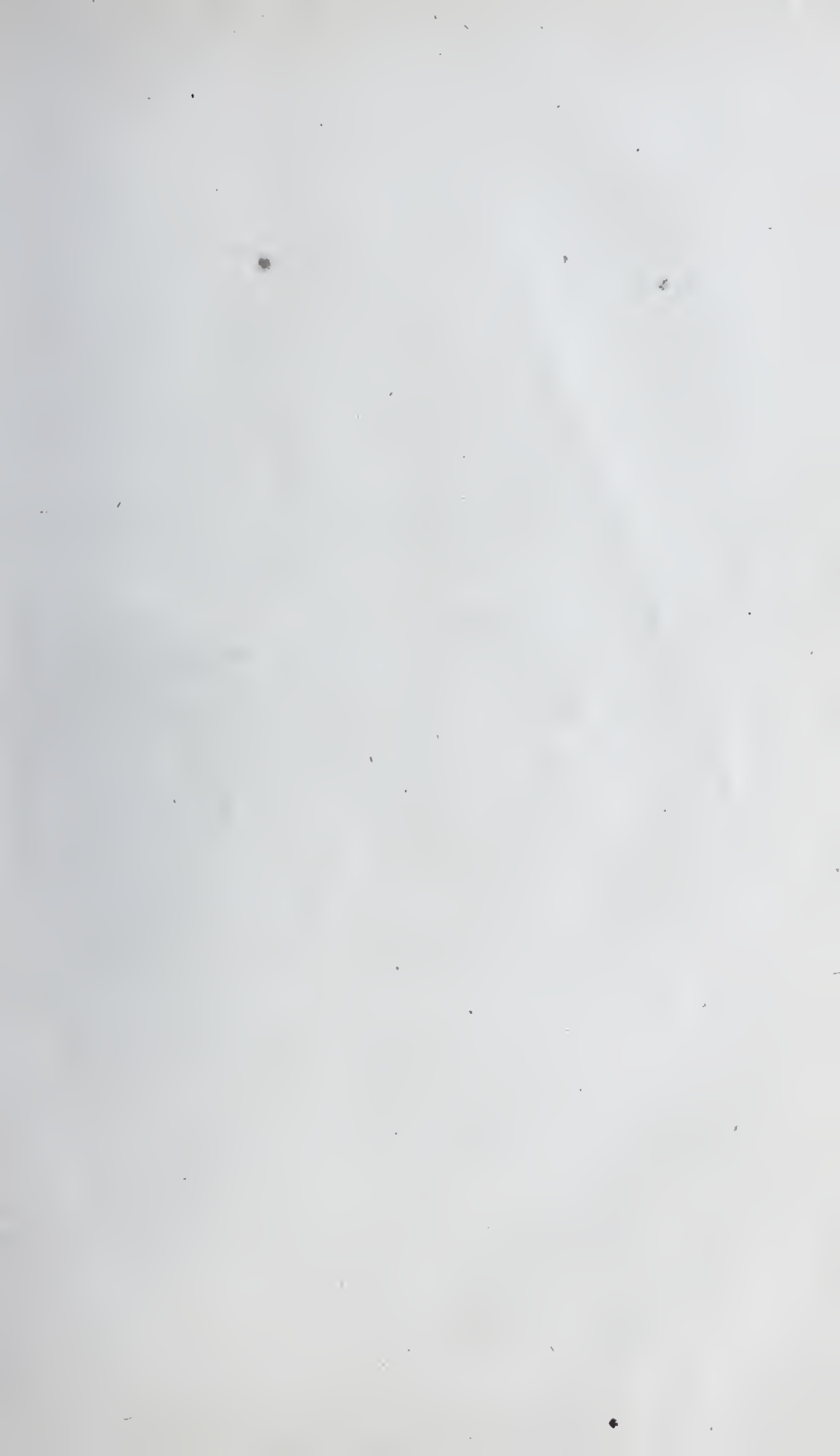
ARTICLE V.—Special Committees shall be appointed by the presiding officer. All Committees to report in writing, signed by such persons as the Committee shall direct.

ARTICLE VI.—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a faithful record of the proceedings, read each minute *when made*, and to notify all Committees, through their chairman, of their appointment and its objects.

ARTICLE VII.—The Board shall elect by ballot suitable persons to fill vacancies which may occur in its body. A majority of the members present shall be necessary for a choice.

ARTICLE VIII.—All resolutions shall be offered in writing, and signed by the mover, if requested by any member.

ARTICLE IX.—For all bills duly certified and approved by the Board, orders shall be drawn on the Treasurer, signed by the President, and countersigned by the Secretary.



THE FORM OF A BEQUEST.

LEGACY OF MONEY.

I give and bequeath unto "THE UNION BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION," incorporated the 28th day of March, A. D. 1837, the sum of

to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being, for the use of the Association.

DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

I give and devise unto "THE UNION BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION," and its successors, incorporated the 28th day of March, A. D. 1837, [here describe the property or ground rent,] together with the appurtenances, in fee simple.

TREASURER.

EDWARD R. WOOD,

No. 404 Chestnut Street.

COLLECTORS.

MANUEL M. COOKE, First Division,

North side of Chestnut and Northward, East side of Ninth and Eastward.

JOHN T. WALTON, Second Division,

South side of Chestnut and Southward, East side of Ninth Street and Eastward.

JAMES E. KAIGN, Third Division,

North side of Chestnut and Northward, West side of Ninth Street and Westward.

WILLIAM M. DORLAND, M. D., Fourth Division,

South side of Chestnut and Southward, West side of Ninth Street and Westward

GEORGE F. McCALLMONT, AGT.,

Office, N. W. corner of Seventh and Sansom Streets.